

**HOUSE DOMESTIC RELATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

**Amendment No. \_\_\_\_\_ 1\_**

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by adding the following preamble:

WHEREAS, a terminally ill parent should have options in planning for the custody arrangements for such person's child or children;

WHEREAS, other states have adopted standby adoption procedures to allow a terminally ill parent to consent to termination of parental rights and adoption of his or her child by a third party, contingent upon such parent's death or other specified event; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the general assembly should study issues pertaining to the needs of terminally ill parents to determine if enactment of standby adoption procedures is needed; now therefore,

AND FURTHER AMEND by deleting all language after the enacting clause and by substituting instead the following:

**SECTION 1.**

(a) There is established a study committee to examine issues pertaining to standby adoption, by which a terminally ill parent could consent to termination of his or her parental rights and adoption of such parent's child by a third party, contingent upon such parent's death or other specified event.

(b) The committee shall consist of all members of the domestic relations subcommittee of the house children and family affairs committee. Any vacancy in the membership shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

(c) All members shall serve without compensation, but shall be eligible for reimbursement for travel expenses in accordance with the provisions of the

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comprehensive travel regulations as promulgated by the department of finance and administration and approved by the attorney general and reporter.

(d) The initial meeting of the committee shall be convened by the chairman of the domestic relations subcommittee who shall serve as chair of the study committee. The members may select other officers as needed.

(e) State departments and agencies shall assist the committee consistent with currently available resources. The department of children services shall provide technical assistance and support as may be necessary for the committee to perform its duties.

(f) The committee may meet and hold hearings at the places it designates during the sessions or recesses of the general assembly.

(g) Upon the conclusion of its study and assessment, the committee shall report its findings, along with any legislative recommendations it may have, to the governor and the Children and Family Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives, by no later than January 15, 2002.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it, and is hereby repealed twelve (12) months following such effective date.